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Defendant.

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compelling defendant to provide him with discovery materials. The court, however, finds that a stay of discovery would be efficient in that the action may be resolved without the need of further discovery. Additionally, plaintiff has not demonstrated a particular need for discovery prior to engaging in the settlement process. Accordingly, for good cause shown, defendant's motion to stay discovery pending resolution of court-hosted mediation is GRANTED. Discovery is stayed for thirty (30) days while the parties participate in court-hosted mediation.

Where discovery has been stayed, plaintiff's motions to compel discovery are DENIED without prejudice. Plaintiff may re-file his motions to compel, if necessary, after the conclusion of court-hosted mediation.

In summary, defendant's motion to stay discovery and motion for court-hosted mediation (DE # 27) are GRANTED, and discovery is stayed for a period of thirty (30) days. Plaintiff's renewed motion for discovery (DE # 24) and motion for production of all discoverable evidence (DE # 28) are DENIED without prejudice. Finally, the case is REFERRED to Magistrate Judge David W. Daniel for court-hosted settlement conference.

SO ORDERED, this 9th day of March, 2011.


LOUISE W. FLANAGAN
Chief United States District Judge